against sanctioned posts as per rules in the Vigilance, Personnel and Information Technology sections.

Fund for Revival of AI

4578. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India needs 500 crore rupees for its revival immediately;

(b) if so, for what purpose and how Air India proposes to use that amount to revive itself; and

(c) how the Ministry proposes to raise this required fund?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Disinvestment Commission in its VIII Report has recommended restructuring/disinvestment in Air India. The Commission has inter-alia recommended infusion of Government equity of Rs. 1000 crores. The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

International Status to Airports

4579. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3217 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 2000 and state whether Government will give permission to start new flights by foreign airlines from such airports including Cochin Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Foreign airlines can seek access to the airports recently declared as international airports including Cochin for operation of their flights, subject to formal exchange of air traffic rights.

Recruitment of Managers in AAI

4580. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates appeared in the written test held for the posts of Managers in the Airports Authority of India recently;

(b) the number of posts for which applications were invited;

(c) the number of departmental candidates who qualified for interview and the number of them belonging to SC/ST;

(d) whether any weightage was given for the departmental candidates;

(e) whether required percentage for SC/ST has been fulfilled; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor together with the steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) As against 60 posts of Manager (Air Traffic Control), there were 6787 candidates who applied for the post. Of these, 9 candidates, including one candidate belonging to Scheduled Castes, were departmental candidates who qualified for the interview.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

World Class Transhipment Plan of AAI

4581. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed world class transhipment plan of the Airports Authority of India has run into trouble;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans to appoint a consultant to advise on the modalities of setting up of the proposed JV Parallel Cargo Terminal and development of Delhi as a major transhipment hub. There was poor response from the consultants. The proposal is being modified to make it commercially more attractive for a better response.

(c) The project is at a preliminary stage. No time frame can be indicated at present.